

Within the city limits of El Paso, the city fathers of El Paso agreed to cut a new channel for the Rio Grande in an effort to control floods. The short channel, dug with scrapers pulled by mules, created the 386-acre island that both nations agree has always belonged to Mexico. When the Chamizal Treaty was reached, the Mexican Government did not insist on being granted the exact 437 acres it claimed and accepted instead 437 in the general vicinity. This concession was made to make it easier to reroute the Rio Grande.

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The new river channel will split Cordova Island, transferring 193 acres of it to the United States. The United States in turn is ceding Mexico in exchange 193 acres now belonging to United States citizens.

Mr. Raney said buying of the land to transfer to Mexico "is going along smoothly." Almost all of the 655 homes in the affected area have been bought by the United States Government and a majority of the families already have been moved out. More than 90 per cent of the 5,600 people residing in the area are American citizens of Mexican extraction.

The United States is paying all the cost of buying the land that will be ceded to Mexico, but the Mexican Government will pay half the cost of relocating the river and of building six new bridges between El Paso and Juarez, both cities of about 300,000 population.

The granting of the northern half of Cordova Island to the United States will make it possible for an eastward expansion of downtown El Paso. The Cordova Island enclave protruded to within a mile of the Franklin Mountains and has created serious automobile traffic bottlenecks in the City of El Paso.

Senator Asks Ban on Schools As Cover for C.I.A. Operations

STILLWATER, Okla., April 16 (UPI).—Senator Fred R. Harris, Democrat of Oklahoma, called today for a Presidential ban on the use of universities or their projects as covers for Central Intelligence Agency operations.

Mr. Harris said in a speech to the state convention of the American Association of University Professors that those in C.I.A. who were involved in a Michigan State University case should be severely reprimanded or dismissed.

He said he called a meeting with C.I.A. officials for Monday to discuss the case, which the university acknowledged earlier this week.

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